

PASTORAL PARISH COUNCIL MINUTES

April 30, 2018

Present: Fr. Ray Brenner, Dan Fritch, Bridgette Bartley, Ann Rasche, Scott Brandt, Mike Hagerdon, Lynn Scheu, Fr. Traylor, Fr. Jerry Pratt, Moises Basilio, Anne Brosmer, Jerry Birge, Julie Stone, Christine Brinkman, Pam Freyberger, Max Verkamp, Jane Gehlhausen, Beth Ann Riffel, Angie Greulich, Martin Estrada, Yvonne Lueken

Absent: Antonio Loya, Steven Dunn

Opening Prayer was led by Fr. Jerry.

The 7:05 pm meeting was called to order by Scott Brandt.

The minutes of the March 26, 2018 meeting were approved with corrections. Jerry made a motion to approve with corrections. Christine seconded. Corrections were as follows - Max's last name was spelled incorrectly in the absent section. Also, the wrong version of here was used in point #37. Meeting minutes will be sent out within a day or two after meeting by the Secretary. Approval of minutes sent back to Council President. Minutes will be posted on the website.

Introductions of Fr. Jerry and Martin.

Old Business:

1. Evangelization & Outreach *Mike reported*

- Mentor program for Hispanics continues. Mike shared a binder of materials used.
- Playground is nearly complete. Some additional work on the clubhouse.
- Pew art cards are doing well.

2. Parish Strategic Plan. *Scott reported.*

- Scott provided an update on recent meetings that were held with Scott, Ann, Max, and Alan Hoffman. Considering 20+ people for the 15 member team across different demographic and interest groups. Additional meeting to be held this week.

New Business:

1. Church Stained Glass Window Restoration Project Update – *Dan reported*

- Final #'s received. After negotiation, the final cost was \$982,359. This differs from what we were told at the March meeting. Conrad Schmitt's representative made an estimating mistake when he spoke to us. There is additional work (working with metal frames that needed attention, the amount of man hours was underestimated, phasing of project into 4 phases, light diffusing application) that is required from what was originally quoted. It will be completed in a 4 phase approach over a little more than one year. Target is to start in May of this year and ending July 2019. Finance committee has made a recommendation to Fr. Ray to approve. \$'s from the Capital Campaign will be able to cover the overage. However, it will leave less funds for other work that was previously discussed. Will have an informational board in the back of church with donation envelopes available.

2. Church Restoration Project – *Dan reported*

- Interviewing 4 different architectural groups and reviewing proposals for the study. Decision to be made by May 15th as to which group is selected.

COMMISSION REPORTS:

FINANCE: *Dan reported.*

- Collections remain strong.
- Will have the city inspect our sewer taps when Newton Street is being repaired.
- Diocesan financial audit complete and a report given to Jane and Fr. Ray.

EDUCATION: *Julie reported*

- First Communion held two weeks ago and went very well.
- Julie has spoken to Steve Luegers about identifying a way to honor Fr. Gene's efforts in establishing the Catholic Radio Station. The Catholic Radio Station would provide the funding.
- 14 individuals will be receiving the Faithful Watchman award on Saturday night.
- Net Ministries will have a youth (Confirmation focused) retreat on Sunday, May 6th, from 1 pm to 7:30 pm. The kids will be blessed during the Sunday evening Mass.

- Continued the subscription for the Formed program.

SOCIAL CONCERNS: *Lynn reported.*

- Put together by-laws at their April meeting.
- Rose gave out about 100 cards for Easter. Still working on finalizing nursing home Communion schedule. Sufficiently covered currently. Sending out birthday cards to parishioners who are 80 and older and anniversary cards to those that have been married 50 years or longer.
- April 9th had a bingo at The Timbers.
- 8 new parishioner cards.
- Donation request from Sisters of St. Benedict. \$300 check will be sent.
- Identified individual who is willing to be on the Strategic Planning Team.
- Completed 40 Days for Life in March.
- Looking into the possibility of having Matt Fradd as a guest speaker.
- Looking at many activities for Respect Life month such as a Youth Art contest in October to raise awareness of Respect Life month and possible presentation from Washington pregnancy center.
- Shared the 2017/18 resource guide for Respect Life.
- Trip to Louisville this past Saturday to pray at the Abortion Clinic.
- Attended the Right to Life banquet in Evansville on April 19th.
- Questioned if all commissions have been updating their informational pamphlets. Project is still moving but slowly.

LITURGY: *Fr. Traylor reported:*

- Nothing to report.

YOUTH: *Yvonne reported*

- Dunking booth has been reserved for each parish picnic.
- Completed JMS Ministry for the school year.
- High School Ministry
 - Regular Wednesday youth nights continue
 - Special youth night scheduled for May 9th at Libby's
 - Annual Bosco Reunion for all current and graduated students scheduled for May 16th
- Summer Ministry
 - One Bread One Cup is full as is the Notre Dame Trip
 - Catholic Heart Work Camp was cancelled due to low adult and youth numbers
- 3rd Annual Extravaganza will be held at Holy Family in Fellowship Hall on Thursday, August 23rd from 6:30 to 8 pm.

INTERCULTURAL MINISTRY: *Moises reported*

- Hispanic attendance has dipped with Fr. Cris' departure. Asked how we recreate to the atmosphere that Fr. Cris had developed.
- Discussed Hispanic support for the upcoming parish picnic.
- Discussed that the Hispanic Fiesta will be the week after the summer picnic.

SUCCESS STORIES/OTHER BUSINESS

- Congratulations to Fr. Bill on his 42 years.
- Julie recently attended the Knights of Columbus convention and felt blessed that we are a predominantly Right to Life state.
- Moises shared a fun story/remembrance about Fr. Gene.
- Mike mentioned the successful training of Stephen Ministries candidates and how it is impacting them.
- Mentioned the recent donation from MasterBrand for kitchen cabinets in the Ministry House.

Closing Prayer: Fr. Traylor led us in closing prayer

The next meeting will be **June 25, 2018 at 7pm** in room 307.

Submitted by: Max Verkamp